

Department: Public School Support**Sponsor(s):****Division: Children's Programs****Sen Lent & Ward-****Description: ESSER - Support for Homeless Children****Engelking****Rep Bundy, &****Horman****1. Information****Elementary and Secondary School Emergency [COVID-19] Relief funding Section 2001.**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides funding as part of ESSER funds specific for homeless children and youth. These one-time funds will be used to address specific needs of homeless children and youth in recognition of the pandemic and its impact on homeless students and their families. Currently, only 29 LEAs receive federal funds today and these funds are distributed on a competitive process. For all other LEAs, serving and supporting students identified as homeless is done with other fund sources.

The purpose of the ARP Homeless Children and Youth funds is to address the immediate needs of children and youth identified as homeless, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs during the pandemic.

Funds may be used to pay for short-term temporary housing; purchasing need supplies such as PPE, eyeglasses, personal care items, and school supplies; wraparound services including after-school programs and tutoring; technology and Wi-Fi; and other allowable uses.

Available to Idaho: \$2,881,900

Availability: Consistent with other ESSER Funds, the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) has defined allocated to mean awarded, which means if Idaho chooses to accept these funds, it must do so within 60 days of receipt of the money.

2. Reopen FY 2022 Budget

"I request unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year 2022 budget for the Public School Support Program."

3. Funding Motion:

"I move for the Public School Support Program in the Children's Programs Division, for fiscal year 2022, an additional \$2,881,900, onetime from the American Rescue Plan Fund."